

Known Ability Rule for Greenwood Longrifles NMLRA Bulls

Occasionally, the GWLR has a new shooter join that posts very good match scores. The new shooter has not shot in organized blackpowder matches or has no records available from his previous competitions. These shooters should not be grouped in with our novice competitors who are still learning their rifles and how to shoot them well.

Under the current program, for a new shooter to advance from Novice to Marksman, they must qualify 4 targets @ 25 yds and 4 @ 50 yds. Under the new "Known Ability" rule, a novice shooter that averages 80 points or better on his 25 and 50 yd bulls for 3 consecutive matches within their first year of competition will be ranked as a Marksman.

Under the current program, for a Marksman to advance to Sharpshooter, they must qualify 4 targets @ 25 yds, 4 @ 50 yds, and 4 @ 100 yds. Under our new "Known Ability" rule, a novice shooter that averages 128 points or better on his 25, 50, and 100 yd bulls for 3 consecutive matches within their first year of competition will be ranked as a Sharpshooter.

The intention of this new rule is to move new shooters into a class quickly where they will have some competition that matches their ability. That is why we are limiting the time frame for this program to the new shooter's first year.

Over the last couple of years, we have had at several shooters that would have probably met these criteria. Fortunately, they advanced quickly, and are now ranked at a level that is challenging and competitive.